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Docket No.: 2098

Patent Application

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Russell F. McKnight, et al.

Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING SERVICES

May 2, 2001

To the Assistant Commissioner  
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR FILING A NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

- 1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having 24 pages.
- 2. 5 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (X formal        informal) comprising Figures 1 through 7.
- 3A. Declaration (X signed        unsigned).
- 3B. Power of Attorney (X signed        unsigned).
- 3C. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).
- 4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.

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5. This is a: Continuation-In-Part; Divisional; Continuation; substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No.        filed       ; reissue of U.S. Patent No.        filed on       ;  Original; Provisional.

An extension to extend the life of the above prior Application to at least the date of filing hereof

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(a)        is concurrently being filed in that prior Application,  
(b)        was previously filed in that prior Application,  
(c)  is not necessary for copendency.

6. Attached is an assignment to **Gateway, Inc.** Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

7. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on foreign filing.

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8. Attached:        (No.) verified statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.

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10. Preliminary Amendment:

Prior to a first Office Action, kindly amend the Application as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,  
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